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POLITICAL POT STEAMING

Candidates to be Named
on March 22

CITIZENS TICKET TITLE

Politics is beginning to agitate the atmosphere, and while the flame is nothing compared to what it has been in the past two or three campaigns, the fire has been kindled, and it is likely that a great deal of interest will be awakened before it burns out April 5th.

A meeting was held in the M. W. A. hall Monday evening for the purpose of putting a ticket in the field and deciding upon a title therefor. K. C. Couch acting as president and P. W. Valentine, secretary. A committee consisting of Willis Moxon, Thos. Cochran, Chas. Linquist, J. T. Murphy and J. S. McKinney had been appointed at a meeting held a week previously to select a title and make up a slate of available candidates. The committee reported that they had decided upon the name "Citizens' Ticket" but asked for further time to choose candidates. The title met the approval of the citizens present and was adopted.

On motion a committee of three was appointed to make the necessary arrangements to thoroughly advertise the next meeting, which after discussion, was decided to be held Monday evening, March 22, in the M. W. A. hall. P. W. Valentine, John N. Edlefsen and A. M. Esson were appointed to act as this committee.

It was the sense of those present with the exception of one or two that the meeting on the 22nd must be the only meeting held by the Citizens' ticket before election, as it was believed that all necessary work could be transacted in one evening. The committee appointed to select a title for the ticket was also appointed to draft a suitable platform and have same in proper shape to be adopted, altered or rejected by the citizens on the 22nd.

A number of people had gotten the idea that the meeting held last Monday evening was a secret affair, but such was not the case. While no public announcement had been made of the fact, yet all good citizens were heartily welcome to attend. At the next meeting no chance will be given any one to charge that the affair is a "star chamber" session. The caucus will be well advertised by doggers and newspapers and any one who desires to do so is cordially invited to attend.

Must Build Bridges

The North Bank railroad must build four bridges across the Peninsula cut immediately. That is the decision of the city executive board of Portland, which last week directed the city engineer to make a report upon the condition of all the streets that cross the big cut from the Willamette to the Columbia.

In the franchise of the company the right of way through the city limits was granted on condition that the railroad would construct bridges over the cut whenever streets leading up to it were improved. Four of these, Willamette Boulevard, South Depot, Dawson and the extension of Walker street have been improved and the company has as yet made no move to comply with its agreement.

More Chairs Needed

More seats should be arranged for in the council chamber. When a dozen or more visitors are present there is quite a scramble to secure seating capacity. The cost would not be great but the convenience would be. The citizens of St. Johns as a rule do not attend council meetings as they should. If they did they would have a better conception of just what council is doing and get a better idea of the amount of work involved. Let the chairs be provided, anyhow.

Be a BOOSTER for St. Johns.

A MODEL STORE THROUGHOUT

Couch & Co. Now Have
Handsome Quarters

CONVENIENCE KEYNOTE

The store rooms of Couch & Co. on Philadelphia street now present a model appearance. Everything has been arranged with a view to display the goods to the best advantage and to give the clerks a better opportunity to attend to the wants of patrons. Each line of goods is segregated in a section distinctively its own. What was formerly the grocery department has been converted into a dry goods and shoe department. Tables and drawers galore, laden with the choicest varieties of merchandise, are here to be found. An immense stock of shoes of all shapes and sizes are neatly shelved on one side of the room, dress goods line the opposite side, while a large and varied assortment of miscellaneous goods occupy the drawers and tables. Ample room is allowed for patrons to get around and view the different lines of goods, and everything is arranged in a convenient and artistic manner.

Passing from this room through a broad archway one finds himself in the grocery department. This is a large, well arranged and well lighted apartment. Everything shines like a "nigger's" heel, and it is at once seen that great care was exercised in placing the various articles and receptacles where they would be most handy. Even the clerical force look happy and well contented with the new order of things. Neatness, cleanliness and good order here prevail.

A room at the rear of the grocery department contains the different brands of flour, meal, oil, etc., neatly placed on shelves or other receptacles, and they are so well arranged that a clerk can enter here in the dark and lay his hand on any article desired. There is also enclosed with wire netting a compartment for smoked meats which is fly proof, and hooks are arranged to hang same up in a convenient manner. Underneath the stores is a large basement filled almost to the limit with boxes of canned goods, soap and other articles. At the rear of the stores has been erected a commodious ware house. This is where goods bought in car load lots can be stored, and where odds and ends so necessary to a well conducted grocery will be kept. A covered passage way leading from Philadelphia street to the ware house is a great convenience, as it will now not be necessary to carry goods through the store for unpacking.

Taken altogether, the store is certainly a well regulated one, and Couch & Co. can well feel proud of the result of their endeavors in making this a first class establishment in every respect.

Say Voter, Register

Don't forget to register before March 1. The city charter demands that voters register every year. So if you want to save the annoyance of securing six free holders to swear in your vote, you had better attend to this registration business at once. The blanks now await you at the city hall, and it will not take any longer to fill them out today than it will tomorrow. Let you forget, do it NOW. Recorder Esson, in order to accommodate those who can not very well register in the day time, will keep his office open for that purpose from 7:30 to 8:30 each Thursday evening until March 1st. Get busy.

We Ought to Have One

The sum of \$25,000 will be spent the coming summer in improving and beautifying Columbia Park. This will make this well located park a popular resort and will be a valuable addition to the Peninsula. Now if we had a park in St. Johns owned by the city it would attract vast crowds of people next summer.

GAS QUESTION BOBS UP AGAIN

Council Wrestles Once More With This Vexed Problem, But the Franchise in Its Amended Form is Still Far from Being Satisfactory to the Dads

PHILADELPHIA STREET TO BE IMPROVED

Council met in regular session Tuesday evening and it was at a late hour that the motion for adjournment was made. The dads are having their hands full of business during these "latter days," and it is something out of the ordinary to adjourn before midnight.

Roll call showed all members present with Mayor Brice in the chair. The minutes of the previous regular and adjourned meetings were read and approved.

A vigorous remonstrance was filed against the proposed removal of an arc light at the corner of Mohawk and Bradford streets to Edison and John streets. About fifty signatures were appended to the remonstrance. Peter Autzen was present and stated in no uncertain terms what he thought of the proposed removal. He said they had quite a time securing the light in the first place, that he had never known of such a thing to happen in any city that he had any knowledge of, and that it was simply a bit of spite work. On motion of Alderman Windle the former motion was rescinded and the light retained. On motion of Councilman Doble a light was also ordered placed at the corner of John and Edison streets.

A certified check for \$120 covering the assessment against the property of E. Hill on Willis boulevard was accepted.

A communication was received from J. J. Shambro offering to audit the city books for \$10 per day, and \$7.50 for an assistant, if necessary. Accepted and placed on file.

A petition for a liquor license at the St. Johns Hotel, 105 Burlington street, was presented by Samuel Cochran & Co. Same was placed with the license committee.

A communication from Chief of Police Black was read. He requested that an appropriation of \$50 be allowed by the council for use of the police as an emergency fund. Allowed.

Ellis to the amount of \$339.67 were allowed.

Bids for the Richmond street pavement were then opened. Four bids were offered by the following contractors: S. L. Seybold, M. Hanson, C. A. Akesson and Wilson & Benefield. As the lowest bids were somewhat confusing it was decided to have the city engineer go over the details of each bid and inform the council at the next meeting which is the best one. The specifications call for a six foot cement sidewalk from Jersey to Bradford, and from thence to the Richmond street dock by wooden sidewalk. According to the bids received this improvement will cost in the neighborhood of \$6,000.

A communication was read from S. C. Cook asking for a plat of Fes-

enden street upon which is shown the manner the Portland Railway Co.'s right of way runs. The trolley people desire this plat before they make their dedication thereon. Mr. Cook also stated that he had looked up the matter of a franchise in the city of St. Johns, but he failed to find that the city had ever given this company such an instrument. He did find, however, that the Portland Electric company had authority to place poles on the streets and alleys, and as these two companies are synonymous, it is believed the same permission will apply in regard to setting poles along Fessenden. The engineer was instructed to prepare the desired plat.

The C. A. Hickey claim for legal service during the city hall construction period was discussed. This bill, now raised to \$100, has been placed for collection. Upon advice of Attorney Collier the matter was turned over to him. He claims that the fee charged is exorbitant, the advice given in the matter very poor, and that he would agree to tender his services free of charge in combating the claim.

A request that a sub station for the fire department be established adjacent to the French block was introduced by J. P. Hendricks on behalf of the company. It seems that the fire boys have plenty of hose and if a sub station was installed it would enable the boys to get to the scene of a conflagration in that part of town in better shape and quicker time than if they were compelled to burden themselves with a lot of apparatus. Matter was referred to the street committee.

J. B. Hall asked for a transfer of his pool room license to I. G. Gurgerson. Matter referred to license committee with power to act.

Then that well worn subject without which no council meeting now seems complete—gas—was taken up. An amended ordinance from the East Portland Gas company was read. It seems, however, that as far as the city is concerned that this ordinance was no better than that offered a couple of weeks ago. While it provides that the gas furnished shall be equal in quality to that now furnished the city of Portland, and that the price charged shall not exceed \$1.25 per thousand feet, it does not contain one forfeiture clause where by the city may recover in case the pipe line is not extended to St. Johns. No provision is made in the way of recompensing the city for the use of the streets, and it only states that mains shall be laid to the heart of the city. Whether this means that mains may be laid in the business district of St. Johns, and the connect-

and occupied as a branch of one of the well known local banks which will be very convenient for stall keepers as all banking facilities can be obtained without leaving the building. The bank will be open Saturday evenings also for the accommodation of its patrons.

A Pleasant Surprise

Mrs. A. J. Carlson of 625 Brunswick street was very pleasantly and agreeably surprised by a number of her neighbors and friends gathering at her home last Thursday evening. Mrs. Carlson has been ill for a long time, and being so kindly remembered by her friends was very cheering to her. She was the recipient of a nice little sum of money presented by her guests. Those present were: Mrs. P. Rood, Mrs. Westlund, Mrs. Rona Johnson, Mrs. P. Lind of Portland, Mrs. Lind of St. Johns, Mrs. Kate Hedlund, Mrs. Madison, Mrs. Iverson, Mrs. Linquist, Mrs. Anna Peterson, Mrs. Hans Peterson, Mrs. O. Anderson, Mrs. Rolander, Mrs. Frank, Mrs. Sjodahl, Miss Olga J. Rood and Miss Linda Bergstrand.

Nearly every variety of business will be represented at the market and the buyer and seller will meet under conditions that are advantageous to both parties. The Sixth and Hoyt streets corner of the market will be fitted up as a banking office

Preach the gospel of St. Johns.

ing line between Piedmont and this city not be laid, is optional with the company according to the franchise. If the object is to hamper or prevent some other company from laying gas mains in St. Johns the ordinance as it now reads serves that purpose admirably. As yet it is a very one-sided document. Mr. Pabst, the general manager of the company, stated that branch lines would be placed when a six per cent profit on the investment was guaranteed. This may not happen for several years, since University Park and Portsmouth have been clamoring for this company to supply them with gas for many months, and as these places are much nearer to the supply house than St. Johns, it is difficult to discern how this city, with about the same population as these two places, can hope to get good service from this company, unless they are so bound down by franchise that no other course can be adopted. The company may be acting in good faith, but it will have to make as good terms with the city as is required of the St. Johns Gas Light & Heat company before their prayer will be granted. A. R. Jobs, who has spent some time studying the gas problem, was present and stated that he believed, as a private citizen, that the East Portland Gas Co. was about the right thing and that it was a much better and safer proposition than the competing company. The gas committee, with Councilman Bonham added as a member, was requested to confer with the East Portland Gas company in regard to drafting an ordinance suitable to both parties.

The dock proposition was discussed and the recorder instructed to write the two railroad companies regarding the placing of a spur connecting with the dock. Bids for the lease of the dock was also ordered advertised for in Seattle, Tacoma, Portland and St. Johns.

A committee composed of Alderman Windle, Miller and Hunter was appointed by the chair to confer with the county commissioners in regard to having the ferry boat thoroughly inspected before next Tuesday so that the matter may be properly presented to the people at the April election.

An ordinance to establish grade on Wall street passed the council, and a resolution changing the grade of Philadelphia street was adopted. Both may be found elsewhere in this issue.

A resolution instructing the engineer to prepare plans for the improvement of Buchanan street was adopted.

Plat New Townsite

Richard Shepard and Anthony Hardy have platted and laid out a new townsite on the Willamette river, one mile north of Linnton, to be known as Harborton. This tract will have 1400 feet water frontage and the Astoria & Columbia River railroad and the United Railway run through the plat. This townsite will be only 20 minutes distant from the Chamber of Commerce by the United Railway which will be in operation inside of two months. Streets are to be graded, water put in from a large spring capable of supplying 15,000 people. Lots will be 50x100 feet and the part along the river will be platted into acreage for factory sites. This tract is the old "Cloverdale farm" owned by E. L. Thompson.

In October Edmondson Co. installed a hot water plant in the First National Bank building of this city under a contract to heat the building to a temperature of 70 degrees. They didn't expect such weather as we have had this winter but the plant stood the test and kept the building warm during the

FINE PROGRAM RENDERED

High School Pupils Entertain Parents

A NIGHT WITH DICKENS

A fine program was rendered at the high school building last Saturday evening. Invitations were issued to the school board and parents of the children taking part in the entertainment. A large number of the parents availed themselves of the opportunity of being in attendance, but the members of the school board did not put in an appearance, owing to other affairs that required their attention. It was purely a Dickens program throughout and many in attendance claimed it was the finest thing they have witnessed for a long time. Each participant acquitted himself or herself in a praiseworthy manner, and the faculty is to be congratulated upon the success of the affair. The first number was a musical one entitled "Fairies' Revel" sang by the Girls' Chorus. This was so pleasing and well rendered that it was necessary to repeat the number before the audience was satisfied. This was followed by a "Biographical Sketch of Dickens" by Miss Lulu Hollenbeck, which was well received. Esther Hill gave a recitation entitled "Mr. Winkle on Skates" that greatly pleased the audience. The "Story of the Cricket on the Hearth" by Laura Graden was well rendered. The next number was a scene from Martin Chuzzlewit entitled "Mrs. Gamp's Tea Party." Catherine Coffin characterized Sairy Gamp and Ermon Wheelock Betsy Prig. This was particularly well executed and greatly enjoyed. "A Child's Dream of a Star," a recitation by Jeanette Ogden, was recited in a pleasing way, and was followed by "A Dainty Plant in the Ivy Green," a song from Dickens, by Lola Walker and Gertrude Baldwin, which was an enjoyable number. A "Review of the Tale of Two Cities" by Howard Brice, followed by "Madame Defarge," a character of the French Revolution, by Lola Walker, were both fine. "A Practical Education," a scene from Nicholas Nickleby, with Clyde Teeling as Mr. Squeers, Mabel Crossby as Mrs. Squeers, and Harry Mount as Nicholas Nickleby, amused the audience immensely. The Girls' Chorus rendered another delightful selection. This followed the concluding number, a scene from Old Curiosity Shop, entitled "Mrs. Jarley's Wax Works." Hazel Couch delineated Mrs. Jarley and Arthur Clark and Archie Smock took the part of assistants. This number was keenly enjoyed by all and the performers certainly got all the amusement out of the scene that was possible.

Are You Guilty?

If you have been in the habit of sending to Portland for your goods, it might be well to ask yourself the following questions:

Who sympathized with you when your little girl was sick? Was it Meier & Frank?

Who carried you last winter when you were out of a job and had no money? Was it the People's Cash Market?

When you want to raise money for the church or some needy person in the city do you go to Olds, Wortman & King?

How much does Lipman & Wolfe give toward lighting our city or paying the minister's salary?

When you were sick how many nights did Roberts Bros. sit up with you?

When you had to raise money to pay your rent did you get it from Woodward & Clark?

When your loved one was buried, was it Gadsby & Son who dropped the tear of sympathy and uttered the cheering word?

When you want a little financial assistance to boom the city of St. Johns, do you get it from Frank Smith?

No, it is always the home merchant you go to when you need assistance or credit.

ODD MAP USED IN DENVER

Man Gets Frightened and Returns Home

GOT COLD FEET QUICK

Some kind friend of E. L. Stockton has sent him the following, which was clipped from a Denver paper. The party who wrote it certainly must have been well versed in the geographical layout of this part of the country. From appearances the man either took credit for being in this part of the United States when he was not, or else he got next to too much old Bourbon. How the few inches of snow we had in January could so get on the nerves of a man from the frosty state of Colorado is hard to conceive. As an instance of how some Eastern publications malign the good old state of Oregon, it may be worth reading:

Denver on the Platte.

A citizen of Denver was sojourning on the coast. In that most wondrous land of which the Oregonians boast: There was lack of balmy atmosphere and dearth of summer's heat. His blood was well nigh frozen from his cranium to his feet; He groaned aloud in anguish, "Must I perish where I'm at? Oh, take me back to Denver, fairest Denver on the Platte."

The great Seattle spirit that we read about in print, And the Boosters' bunch in Portland both are frozen hard as flint; The snow that looks so beautiful, measures' three feet on the ground, And the flowers that bloom in winter are no longer to be found; Zero's on the job and seems to me he's standing pat, So take me back to Denver, fairest Denver on the Platte.

Bridges floating down the stream and washouts by the score, Surely it's no wonder that it makes the ocean roar; Towns are under water, and there's mud up to our knees; The only thing that's active is a hundred million fleas, Oh, sunny Colorado, 'tis to you I'll doff my hat, For I would live forever, in Old Denver on the Platte.

Head Consul I. I. Boak, of the Woodmen of the World, spent three weeks of January in Washington and Oregon, and the above lines are not far out of jibe with his experiences out there. He got home to Denver one day behind his scheduled time, after starting about a week before his itinerary called for. He had to cancel a few dates on account of weather conditions.

Other callers at the head camp of the last week augmented his report. A citizen of Vancouver brought the startling information that the Columbia river at that place is frozen solid, and thousands of people daily walk to and fro from the land of Old Glory to the dominion of the Union Jack. This condition was never known to exist before. When it is remembered that the river is one and a quarter miles wide at this place, and salt water at that, something of the remarkable occurrence may be gleaned. By all accounts, similar conditions prevail all over the three coast states; even California is deluged with water, after experiencing several dry years.

Keep Tab on Ordinances

People owning property along the streets that are to be improved this year should watch the Review for ordinances covering said improvement. If the improvement calls for wooden sidewalks and you desire cement walks in front of your property by keeping tab on the ordinances you will know when to make application for the desired change. This must be done before bids are submitted in order to be effective.

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